



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 4, 2010

Nikole Jay, Administrator
Corwin Center at Emerald Heights
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Dear Ms. Jay:

Thank you for your January 27 and March 1, 2010, letters requesting an exemption from Certificate of Need review under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-041. Your letters request an exemption from review to add five additional Type A CCRC nursing home beds to Corwin Center, for a nursing home facility total of 61.

Below is a summary of the documentation provided by you or obtained by the Certificate of Need Program to demonstrate compliance with the exemption requirements under WAC 246-310-041(1), which states:

The secretary's designee shall grant an exemption from the requirements for a certificate of need for the ...addition of beds to an existing nursing home, that is owned and operated by a continuing care retirement community meeting the eligibility requirements of (a) of this subsection and submitting an application for an exemption meeting the requirements of (b) of this subsection.

(a) Eligibility requirements. To be eligible for an exemption under this section, an applicant entity shall demonstrate that:

- (i) Nursing home services will be offered only to contractual residents;*
- (ii) Residents will be provided a contractually guaranteed range of services from independent living through skilled nursing, including some assistance with daily living activities;*
- (iii) The facility contractually assumes responsibility for the cost of services exceeding the residents' financial responsibility under the contract, so that no third party, including the Medicaid program, is liable for the costs of care, even if the resident depletes his or her personal resources. This exclusion does not pertain to insurance purchased by the retirement community or its residents;*
- (iv) The entity has offered continuing care contracts and has operated a nursing home continuously since January 1, 1988, or has obtained a certificate of need to establish a nursing home;*
- (v) A binding agreement is maintained with the state assuring that financial liability for services to residents, including nursing home services, will not fall upon the state;*



- (vi) *It does not operate, and has not undertaken a project that would result in the ratio of nursing home beds to independent living units exceeding one nursing home bed for every four independent living units, exclusive of nursing home beds; and*
- (vii) *It has obtained a professional review of pricing and long-term solvency of the applicant entity within the prior five years which was fully disclosed to residents.*

Certificate of Need Program's Evaluation

Sections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi)

Documentation was submitted on January 1, 2010, that meets the requirements in these sections.

Sections (vi and vii)

Documentation was submitted on March 1, 2010, that meets the requirements in these sections.

Based on the information above, the Certificate of Need Program concludes that Corwin Center meets the exemption criteria required before adding five additional Type A CCRC nursing home beds, for a facility total of 61.

Please call me at (360) 236-2957 if you have any further questions as you proceed with the nursing home bed addition.

Sincerely,



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